

## REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 9-11, 13, 19-21, 29, 30 and 61-63 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aras in view of Jouppi and further in view of Onishi. The Examiner rejected claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 15, 16, 18, 22, 25, 26 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aras in view of Jouppi in further view of Onishi and further in view of Ben-Shachar.

The claims have been amended to recite an arbitrator that provides access and control of a robot to a second remote station that has a higher priority than the first remote station, and an arbitrator sends a callback message to the first remote station when the second station no longer has access and control of the robot. As stated on page 19 of the above entitled application, by way of example, the user may receive an email message that the robot is free for usage. Aras does not disclose these limitations. Aras merely sends a message to a client to indicate a grant or denial of a request. Aras does not disclose a system wherein an arbitrator sends a callback message to one remote station to indicate that a robot is available for use.

Likewise Ben-Shachar does not disclose the callback limitation recited in the claims of the above entitled application. As shown in Figure 17 and the accompanying text of [0110-0119], Ben-Shachar discloses a system wherein a client periodically calls a worker. This is not the callback scheme that is recited in the claims of the above entitled application. What is claimed is a callback scheme wherein an arbitrator provides a callback message to a remote station to indicate that a robot is available for use. Ben-Shachar teaches that the first remote station would constantly call the arbitrator to obtain access to the robot. This would require periodic messages from the remote station to the arbitrator. Constant messaging reduces the bandwidth of the network. Bandwidth is further reduced when multiple remote station are seeking access to the robot and constantly calling the arbitrator. None of the references disclose a system and method wherein access to a robot is provided to a second remote station that has a priority higher than the first remote station and a callback message is sent to the first remote station when a second remote no longer has access and control of the robot as recited in the claims of the above entitled application. Consequently, the combination of Aras, Jouppi and Onishi, or, Aras, Jouppi, Onishi and Ben-Shachar do not render obvious the claims of the above entitled application.

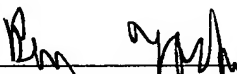
The Examiner rejected claims 7, 17 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aras, in view of Jouppi, further in view of Onishi, further in view of Ben-Shachar, further in view of Zenke, further in view of Roy. The Applicant submits that these claims are allowable for being dependent upon allowable independent claims.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1, 3, 6-11, 13, 17-21, 27, 28 and 61-63 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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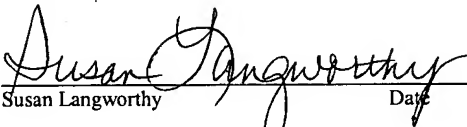
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